

Iron County Register.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

The duke of Leeds will be appointed to succeed the earl of Aberdeen as governor-general of the Dominion of Canada, the latter returning to England in 1898.

On the 24th President McKinley approved the joint resolutions of congress authorizing the payment of session employees of congress, and providing for mileage and stationery.

The Transvaal government has suppressed the publication of the Johannesburg Star, the leading newspaper in the Rand, in consequence of that journal's criticisms of the administration.

The immigration bill of the last session of congress, which was vetoed by President Cleveland, was reported from the committee on immigration, on the 23d, and placed on the calendar of the senate.

The senate committee on appropriations, on the 24th, ordered the agricultural bill reported just as it recently passed the house, and as it was sent to the president near the close of the last congress.

THEODORE F. SWAYZE, of New Jersey, has been appointed chief clerk of the treasury department, vice Logan Carlisle, resigned. Mr. Swayze was formerly chief clerk of the treasury department.

The United States weather bureau, on the 17th, gave out the startling information that 800 square miles of the state of Arkansas was under water, and that the Mississippi river would continue to rise.

The state department was notified, on the 25th, that Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, left home on the steamer Gaelic March 18, and is due in San Francisco about April 1.

The admiral of the combined fleets in Cretan waters, on the 17th, made a formal proclamation of the intention of the powers to confer upon the island an autonomous government, subject to the suzerainty of the sultan.

A VERY serious situation exists throughout the central and western districts of the island of Jamaica, in consequence of the extreme scarcity of water, which is causing widespread suffering among the inhabitants.

A MEETING of railroad lawyers was held in Chicago, on the 26th, to discuss the supreme court's decision in the Trans-Missouri case, and to determine what are the best methods for the companies to propose in connection with it.

FAILURES throughout the United States, as reported by E. G. Dun & Co., for the week ended on the 27th, aggregated 291, as against 259 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 50, against 59 last year.

SECRETARY BLISS, on the 17th, sent a letter to Commissioner Lamoreux of the general land office, whose action in the Chicago lake front case was annulled and severely censured, offering to Mr. Lamoreux an opportunity to defend himself.

A BILL to create a new state out of the counties of New York, Kings, Richmond, Queens, Suffolk, Westchester and Putnam, was introduced in the New York legislature at Albany on the 23d. Provision for submitting the question to a vote was made.

GOV. BUSHELL of Ohio sent the following telegram to Mayor Clapp of Memphis on the 23d: "Ohio recognizes your generosity in caring for the refugees from Cuba. If more tents are needed, will gladly send them to aid in your work. Please advise me."

THE town of Calabazas, very near Havana, was attacked, on the 23d, by the insurgents under Arango, who burned many houses, pillaged several stores and then retired. Maj. Abtner and nine other Spanish officers, including five captains, were made prisoners.

It was stated in Constantinople, on the 25th, that in the event of a blockade of Greek ports by the warships of the powers, the admiral commanding the British squadron was under instructions to acquiesce therein, but the British fleet will take no part in the actual blockade.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT of Yale college and the several members of the faculty entered in a protest against the action of the ways and means committee in placing books and scientific apparatus for educational institutions on the dutiable list, after having been free for many years, and the paragraph was modified.

ON the 23d the senate confirmed the nominations of Gen. Clayton, of Arkansas, to be minister to Mexico; Wm. M. Osborne, of Massachusetts, to be consul general at London; John K. Gowdy, of Indiana, to be consul general at Paris; and Joseph N. Brigham, of Ohio, to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

SYLVESTER SCOVEL, the newspaper correspondent who was imprisoned 31 days in Cuba, arrived in New York on the 23d, on board the steamer Segura, from Havana. Mr. Scovel was in the best of health, and stated that a great deal of sympathy had been wasted on him, as he had been treated with great consideration and kindness.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER's representative at the recent meeting of the Bessemer Iron association, in Cleveland, O., made a fight against a reduction of the wages of the miners. It was stated after the meeting had adjourned without reaching an agreement, that the wages of the men in the Rockefeller mines would not be cut, no matter what others did.

A HUNDRED sailors from the United States steamship San Francisco arrived in Rome, on the 21st, and attended the pope's mass. The rector of the American college accompanied them. When mass was over the pope addressed the sailors, assuring them that he sincerely appreciated their homage. He concluded by bestowing upon them the papal blessing.

FRANK BUTLER, the prisoner of many aliases, who is wanted in Australia for half a dozen murders, has volunteered a queer confession, declaring and endeavoring to prove that, ten years ago, he killed a fellow soldier at Walla Walla, Wash., for which he is amenable to the United States.

The engine in mill No. 2 of the Edgar Thomson steel works at Pittsburgh, Pa., ran away, on the 25th, resulting in the bursting of the immense fly wheel. David Hugo, engineer, whose leg was crushed, is dead, and George H. McClelland was fatally injured.

THIRTY men were injured on board the British first-class cruiser Theseus, on the 24th, while practicing outside the harbor at Malta, by the explosion of torpedoes which were being lowered into the ship's launch.

The pope gave an audience, on the 25th, to a number of Americans who are on their way home from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. After celebrating mass his holiness pronounced an allocution, highly praising the Catholics of the United States and distributed sovereign medals among the pilgrims.

The Austrian cruiser Satellit arrived in Suda Bay, on the 25th, having in custody a Greek steamer with 60 volunteers on board, and a Greek sailing vessel laden with ammunition intended for the Cretan insurgents.

Both were captured by the Satellit while they were attempting to run the blockade. The new gunboat Wilmington did not start for her speed trial run over the Long Island Sound course, on the 26th, a third postponement being necessary on account of the heavy sea that was prevailing.

At Lapaz, Ind., on the night of the 25th, as the result of an old feud between Jacob Leeds and Blanchard Thomas, the latter was shot and instantly killed by Leeds.

ON the 26th the Rock Island Railroad Co. served notice of withdrawal from all the traffic associations, passenger and freight, of which it had been a member.

The news concerning the death of Dana Osgood, half back of the Pennsylvania football team, who was killed in a football game, is confirmed by the receipt of a letter by an aunt of young Osgood from Osgood's father. The letter is a copy of one received by the latter from Capt. Cox, who went to Cuba with the famous athlete.

PASQUENOS from Havana, on the 26th, reported that serious trouble was expected in Havana at any moment, the immediate cause being the effort of the Spanish government to force fast money on the merchants of the city.

The public officials in the Spanish capital, Madrid, are in a paper, and is guaranteed by nothing except faith in the government, which is now at a very low ebb.

AMELIA FRANKS, who lay near the point of death at Philadelphia, coughed up, on the 26th, the bullet which her father had fired into her body ten days before, and thereby saved her life. Her physicians said that if she continued to improve during the next few days she would soon be able to leave the hospital a well child.

In an interview published in London with William H. Cremer, formerly member of parliament (radical), who is editor of the International Arbitration league organ, the Arbitrator, Mr. Cremer is quoted as saying that he considers it inadvisable to ratify the amended arbitration treaty. He credits Senator Morgan with being the chief obstacle.

REPRESENTATIVE GUNGE, of Georgia, on the 26th, introduced a resolution providing that measures be taken to have the constitution so amended as to give congress the power to impose and collect an income tax without regard to the proportion to the census or enumeration provided for in the constitution.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROCKWELL, although appointed by Cleveland, is not to be disturbed. At least, this is what the political gossips at the state department say. His services are considered of special value at this time because of his familiarity with the many important foreign complications.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The senate was not in session on the 27th. In the house, in committee of the whole, consideration of the Dingy tariff bill proceeded with very slow progress being made. Mr. Johnson (Ind.) protested against the dilatory tactics employed, and asked Mr. Dingley if a change could not be made which would result in more rapid work. As a result of the day's work a few immaterial changes were made in the chemical and earths and earthenware schedules, and the bill was passed.

THE young ladies of the different church societies of Lebanon, Ind., are preparing to farm on the Pingree plan the coming season for the benefit of the poor. One real estate firm has come to their assistance by donating the use of 50 vacant lots. Some of the most prominent society girls in Lebanon will be found wielding the hoe as soon as the weather will permit.

THE Avondale mine, operated by the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., at Avondale, Pa., is fast becoming a money-maker. For days past there has been pouring into the mine from the bottom of the Susquehanna river and unless it can be checked soon the mine will be absolutely ruined.

DR. GEORGE D. PURITON, of St. Louis, one of the most prominent biologists of the United States and a chemist known from one end of the country to the other, committed suicide at the Lindell hotel on the night of the 27th, by taking prussic acid.

JOSEPH LOADER, a wealthy furniture dealer of Brooklyn, owner of the well-known "Tilton-Beecher" trial, has been arrested on a charge of perjury preferred by his wife.

A STEAMER Tinto into and sank a large boat in the harbor of Ferrol, Spain, on the 27th. There were 30 persons in the boat, 21 of whom were drowned. The remaining nine were rescued in an exhausted condition.

THE official report from Manila states that the rebel loss at the battle of Ynus exceeded 1,600 killed and wounded. The Spanish loss is placed at 37 killed and 245 wounded.

MONTREAL, Can., experienced another severe shock of earthquake, accompanied by loud explosions, on the morning of the 27th, at 12:15 o'clock.

A MARBLE bust of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was unveiled, on the 27th, in the University building, Washington, place, New York city.

WILLIAM T. ADAMS (Oliver Optic) died in Boston on the 27th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Home for Ex-Slaves.

Something may be done for the home for dependent ex-slaves at St. Joseph by the Buchanan county court.

A petition has been presented to the court asking that \$500 be contributed in money or work. The county court is giving out work every day, and may turn some of it in the direction of the home. The board of managers for the home has on hand a small sum, and will resume the work of clearing away the debris of the wrecked building as soon as the weather will permit. The house will be rebuilt at once.

Managers of the Confederate Home. Gov. Stephens has appointed the following members of the board of managers of the Confederate Home, located at Higginsville:

James Bannerman, St. Louis, state treasurer; Frank L. Pitts, Paris; W. C. Cronough, Lewis Station; B. C. Jones, Poplar Bluff; Charles H. Vandine, Rolla; R. F. Murdoch, Platte City; Henry A. Newman, Huntsville; John W. Halliburton, Carthage, and A. L. Zollinger, Ottumwa.

Normal Oratorical Association. A State Normal Oratorical association has been organized, composed of the literary societies of the Warrensburg, Kirksville and Cape Girardeau normal schools. The first contest will be held at Warrensburg about the middle of next March, and the winner will represent Missouri in the interstate contest.

Paralyzed During the Night. Secretary Francis Back of the republican district and Buchanan county central committee, and a well-known resident of St. Joseph, is suffering from a stroke of paralysis, which may prove fatal. He was paralyzed during the night, and lay for hours unattended.

One Idea of a Minister. At a recent meeting of Methodist (North) ministers of St. Louis, Rev. Dr. H. H. Hagerty said: "Let us be ministers of the people. No business men let us be such earnest men of God that even the little children may point us out and say 'That is my pastor.'"

Butted by a Young Calf. Henry Staley, two miles north of Warrensburg, was butted in the chest by a young calf. The accident was thought to be a commonplace one, but the following day his mind became completely blank, and he was unable to recognize his own relatives.

Mr. Dockery Assists Churches. Says a Washington relative: Representative Dockery is acquiring a reputation for generosity to churches, and has recently found opportunity to seek out three deserving Missouri churches. To each of these he has sent his personal check for \$500.

Brought Back by the Cavalier. F. H. Wentworth, cashier of the National Bank of Unionville, returned from Cripple Creek, Col., the other day, where he succeeded in capturing Charley A. Armstrong, who is wanted at Unionville for alleged forgeries committed last fall.

Compromised His Case. W. H. Edmonson, a postal clerk on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway at Sedalia, was injured in a wreck. He brought suit against the railroad company for \$25,000 damages, but has compromised the case upon the payment of \$3,000.

Lost an Eye. Vest Wherley, named in honor of Senator Vest, son of J. M. Wherley, a farmer living six miles east of Sedalia, lost his left eye at Salem school by a young lady friend, who accidentally stabbed him in the eye with a shawl pin.

A Boom for Sedalia. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas will soon begin work on its car plant at Sedalia. As soon as the plant is completed work will begin. It is said, on 1,500 new cars for the road.

Is Now State Property. The warranty deed conveying the Confederate home property to the state of Missouri was filed for record the other day with the recorder of deeds for Lafayette county.

Wants Her Share. Mrs. Margaret Boyer Bonnell, who had been married to dead for 20 years, has turned up at Clinton and filed suit for a division of her husband's estate.

An Excellent Position. R. P. McClure wants to be surveyor of customs at St. Louis. He is a contractor, and erected the wigwag in which McClure was nominated.

A New Electrical Field. A Kansas City man says that negroes can be turned white by the proper use of electricity. He will try the experiment on two colored gentlemen.

Whirled to Death. T. H. Caldwell was caught in the belt in Hatch & Kennedy's machine shops at Galena, an whirlwind to which he was engineer.

Louisiana's Coal Oil Inspector. Gov. Stephens has appointed W. H. Owen, son of the late oil inspector for the city of Louisiana for a term of two years from March 2, 1897.

Died in a Mine. John Sturmer, a miner, was overcome by foul gases in the Claycomb & Staples mine, near Joplin. He leaves a widow and three children.

Rev. Pendleton Brooke. Rev. Pendleton Brooke, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Clinton, a brother of Bishop Brooke, of Oklahoma, died in Clinton, recently.

Dr. M. H. Woodfin. Dr. M. H. Woodfin, who was born in Henry county, Tenn., in 1827, and who had resided in central Missouri since 1857, died at Sedalia.

Wants to Quit. Prof. C. M. Woodward, of St. Louis, has notified Gov. Stephens that he no longer desires to act as curator of the state university.

A Fine Structure Dedicated. The new high school building at Joplin was dedicated the other day. The building is of Carthage stone, and cost \$25,000.

Against Adulterated Flour. The millers of St. Louis are preparing a bill to be presented to congress, asking "or laws against the adulteration of flour."

These Two Got There. The president has appointed George W. Smith postmaster at Sweet Springs, and Albert L. Jurden postmaster at Marshall.

Murdered During the Night. S. G. Wilson, proprietor of the Bon Ton restaurant at Trenton, was murdered the other night by unknown parties.

WORK OF LEGISLATORS.

Nearly Twelve Hundred Bills Passed Through the Hopper.

Synopsis of the Bill Ground Out by the Missouri Legislative Mill During the Recent Session—Many Bills Killed.

The Thirty-ninth general assembly put about 1,200 bills through the legislative hopper, the great majority of which did not get beyond the committee stage.

Following is a complete list of the bills which have passed both houses, a majority of which, through the sheer lack of time, had not up to adjournment sine die, received the governor's signature.

An act to define the liabilities of railroad corporations in relation to damages sustained by their employees and to define who are fellow-servants and who are not fellow-servants and to prohibit contracts limiting liability under this act. (February 9.)

An act to appropriate money for the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the state and the certificates of indebtedness issued and held in trust by the state for the school and sanitary fund during the years 1897 and 1898. (February 9.)

An act to appropriate money for the state sinking fund to be used in the redemption or purchase of bonds. (February 9.)

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri of 1892, by adding a new section, to be known as section 402, regulating the election of judges and justices of the peace in Missouri. (February 13.)

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An act to provide for the payment of state and county school fund appropriations to school districts from the state treasury. (February 13.)

An act authorizing boards of school directors to have and use a seal, and to make a seal of such district, to be known as the seal of the district. (February 13.)

An act to provide punishment for owners or custodians of premises who allow or permit the same to be used for the purpose of gambling. (February 13.)

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THE GREAT FLOODS.

An Ominous Warning Issued by the Weather Bureau.

The Flood Wave Still at Cairo—In Southeastern Arkansas and Western Mississippi the Greatest Strain is Yet Nearly Two Weeks Off.

Washington, March 28.—The following special river bulletin has been issued by the weather bureau at Cairo, Mo., this morning:

The flood wave is still at Cairo, which shows a stationary gauge reading 51.6 feet for the past four days.

There is great danger yet to come from the flood in the region from Helena southward to New Orleans.

The river will continue to rise for at least ten days in the region from Helena southward to Vicksburg and to the Gulf. A longer period from Vicksburg southward.

If no break occurs before, levees will be subjected to the greatest strain about April 10, in southeast Arkansas and western Mississippi and Louisiana. Should the levee break, the result will be one of the most disastrous floods ever known.

Weather conditions now indicate additional heavy rainfall in the middle and lower Mississippi valleys, which will materially intensify the flood conditions.

Those living in districts overflooded in former years should be on the safe side and transfer stock and movable property to places of known safety well above the present time.

WILLIAM MOORE, Chief of Bureau.

A Bad Break Reported. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 29, 1:10 a. m.—Message just in that a large break has occurred in the levee at Wayside, Miss., nine miles below Greenville.

The break is reported to be a bad one, and in a section of levee high and regarded as measurably safe.

All Special Forces Successfully Combated. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 28.—Another day has passed with no break in the levee system either above or below this point, and the rainfall finds those most directly concerned in the stability of the levees decidedly more confident in preventing disaster.

The chief interest of the day centered at Helena, Ark., and Greenville, Miss., and every hour at those places was turned to hard work by the male population, reinforced by hundreds of volunteers, and at other sharp points in the systems hundreds of convicts have been kept busy. In this way the chances are decidedly in favor of holding the levee against the flood pressure.

Maj. T. G. Thibey, chief engineer of the St. Louis levee board, wires to-night that "they we successfully combated all special danger that has arisen so far and I feel more assurance than heretofore that we will pull through, though the pressure is enormous along the lower 40 miles of my line."

M. Giles, assistant general superintendent of the Valley line of the Illinois Central railroad, wires at 5 p. m.: "Have just seen the Longwood levee that was reported to have been broken. The levee is yet intact and a large force is making repairs."

There are no new developments of an important character in the levees along the Arkansas front. River here stands 38.3, a fall of one-tenth in 24 hours.

The local weather bureau to-night reports that the cyclonic disturbance sweeping in from the west will strike to-morrow afternoon, bidding fair to create havoc with the levees.

The Situation Growing Worse Hourly. QUINCY, Ill., March 28.—The Mississippi continues to keep up its average of the past week and marked another rise of six inches to-day, bringing the stage up to 10.5. The levee is now working night and day to strengthen the weak places. Another force is engaged in patrolling the levee. The damage already done by the flood is great, but will be nothing compared to what it will do to the thousands of acres of cotton lands between here and Warsaw should the levee break.

The Bohemian Flats Half Under Water. St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—The Bohemian flats on the east side of the Mississippi river are half under water to-night and the residents nearest the river have been forced to take to the hills. The remainder of the residents will remain up all night to watch the rise of the river. The ten-foot mark shortly before ten o'clock this morning and since that hour there has been a steady but slow rise. The ice has been going out all day and gorged at the high bridge at South St. Paul. It is now rapidly melting and the gorged ice is becoming rotten and will break away probably during the night. Lake Pepin, the arm of the Mississippi at Lake City, is reported still solid, but is expected to break up during the next three days. All the rivers to the north are rising.

CYCLING GOSSIP. Cyclometers that weigh more than three ounces are now scorned by all well regulated wheelmen; but the first cyclometers weighed three pounds.

A legging or inter shoe that is tight about the ankle interferes with correct cycling. The ankle covering should be loose enough to admit of free circulation and easy movement.

Most of the leading makers of wheels now give a choice of saddles, and some a choice of tires. This is a distinct advantage to riders, and should have been done long ago.

The next thing in the line of progress is the unicycle. Naturally one wheel will run with less friction than two wheels, and if, as the inventors claim, it is easier to ride than the bicycle (which seems doubtful), we may look for its general adoption in a few years.

Switzerland is a cheap country for cycle touring. A meal of bread, butter, honey, cheese and coffee costs 15 cents, while a five or six-course dinner can be had for 60 cents. With splendid scenery and good and safe roads, riding in the Alpine country is ever delightful.

Antipodean authorities consider that the Australian baseball nine, now on its way over, has an excellent chance to defeat the leading major league clubs of the United States.